

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] These object is achieved by the process for preparing venlafaxine ~~according to claims 1 to 9~~ and the process for preparing venlafaxine hydrochloride of form I ~~according to claims 10 to 24~~ as described below.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The invention is also directed to the venlafaxine hydrochloride of form I ~~according to claims 25 to 26.~~